

FRIDAY NIGHT FACTS

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Congratulations!

Congratulations to Indiana Campus Compact at Indiana University! Through the national competition, their statewide GrowIndiana program was funded for \$274,521 for the upcoming program year.



GINI Offering \$50,000 in IMAGINE grants to help Indy residents improve neighborhoods

Funding will support resident-led projects across the city



The Great Indy Neighborhoods Initiatives (GINI) announced the availability of \$50,000 in grants to support resident-led development of neighborhood-based organizations.

The Indianapolis Matching Awards for Great Indy Neighborhoods Engagement, (IMAGINE) are designed to help implement improvement projects throughout the city. Grants will be awarded to neighborhood groups that best adhere to GINI's 11 principles of healthy neighborhoods and which establish new and stronger relationships among grassroots organizations and businesses.

"These dollars will be distributed bi-monthly and will lead to stronger and safer neighborhoods," said Anne-Marie Predovich, Executive Director of the Indianapolis Neighborhood Resource Center (INRC). "We're excited to expand GINI's reach and to help spark true revitalization at the grassroots level."

IMAGINE grant recipients must offer a dollar-for-dollar match, but may count volunteer labor, donated materials, supplies, services or cash as part of that match. The maximum grant per neighborhood-based organization will be \$5,000.

The first deadline for application is June 6. The GINI Engagement Working Group Committee will review all applications and notify applicants of all award decisions by Friday, June 15. Applications will be accepted from neighborhood-based organizations working in collaboration to increase involvement of residents and partners in communities across Indianapolis.

Interested neighborhood-based organizations can access the application, guidelines and more information online, by going to www.greatindyneighborhoods.org, www.inrc.org, emailing imaginehelp@inrc.org, or calling (317) 920-0330.

About GINI. Great Indy Neighborhoods, a partnership between the City of Indianapolis, Indianapolis Neighborhood Resource Center (INRC) and the Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) is a 3-year program that promotes comprehensive community development to strengthen and improve the quality of life in local neighborhoods. Comprehensive community development focuses on collaboratively improving all aspects of neighborhoods that impact residents' quality of life.

GINI resulted from the city's first Community Development Summit in 2004, which brought together more than 400 neighborhood leaders, business owners, residents and faith-based organizations to focus on engaging more people in developing a common vision for their neighborhood, and implementing the vision through collaboration as the key aspects of improving quality of life.

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INShape Indiana wants Hoosiers to get out and exercise this summer! On June 16, take part in the sun and fun at the second annual INShape Indiana Swim Day presented by MDwise. The first 50 people arriving to the pool will receive a

Swim Day beach towel and admission discount. For more information and to get your admission discount and beach towel coupon, visit www.in.gov/inshape. **Participating Pools:** Tollestown Pool (**Gary**); Hessville Pool (**Hammond**); Potawatomi Pool (**South Bend**); North Side Pool (**Ft. Wayne**); Tropicane Cove (**Lafayette**); Dr. Martin Luther King Pool (**Indianapolis**); Willard Pool (**Indianapolis**); Kokomo Beach (**Kokomo**); Greencastle Aquatic Center (**Greencastle**); Demming Pool (**Terre Haute**); Bryan Park Pool (**Bloomington**); Jeffersonville Aquatic Center (**Jeffersonville**) and Harkey Pool (**Evansville**).

The Corporation for National and Community Service and twenty national nonprofit organizations recently launched a campaign designed to help America's youth take their first steps along a lifetime path of service and volunteering by serving their communities over the summer months. Called the Summer of Service, this nationwide campaign will engage youth between the ages of 5 and 21 in high-quality volunteer activities from June through August. To learn more, visit <http://www.nationalservice.gov/summerofservice>



From May 19 through July 13, Share Our Strength will be accepting grant applications from current sponsors of summer and afterschool meal programs for children that utilize USDA-reimbursement and organizations that increase participation through advocacy and outreach. Grants from Share Our Strength's Great American Bake Sale will support efforts to increase participation among low-income school-age children in afterschool and summer meal programs. Share Our Strength is specifically interested in increasing participation in meal programs that utilize USDA-reimbursement through the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP), National School Lunch Program (NSLP), or Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP). Nonprofit organizations that work to increase the number of children that receive nutritious afterschool and summer meals may be eligible to apply for funds raised through this bake sale. For more information, visit <http://www.strength.org/response/>

Take an active role in your own health care! If you are interested in receiving a free U.S. Administration on Aging Personal Health Care Journal, please email your name and address to jsimpson@ofbci.in.gov. This journal provides valuable insight on how to protect your personal information; detect errors, fraud and abuse; and report mistakes. It also contains important contact numbers and a place to enter all of your medical information. The number of available journals is limited, so please, one per person.



“Work and live to serve others, to leave the world a little better than you found it, and garner for yourself as much peace of mind as you can. This is happiness.”

— David Sarnoff



Spring is fast turning into summer and school is almost over, but there is still a chance that your students could win a \$10,000 scholarship prize and a free trip to New York City as part of the 2007 Goldman Sachs Foundation Youth Prizes for Excellence in International Education!

The 2007 competition asks students to select a problem or challenge that affects their local community as well as a community outside the United States; to create an in-depth written, audio, video, or animated feature that compares and contrasts how these two communities have addressed the issue; and to explain what lessons the different communities could learn from each other. Five winners will be selected and will receive up to \$10,000 each as well as an all-expense paid trip to New York City in early November 2007 where they will be recognized at Asia Society's Gala Annual Dinner.

Please visit <http://askasia.org/students/gsfprizes.html> for the contest question, guidelines, rules, and online application. **The deadline for applications for the Youth Prize is June 11, 2007.**

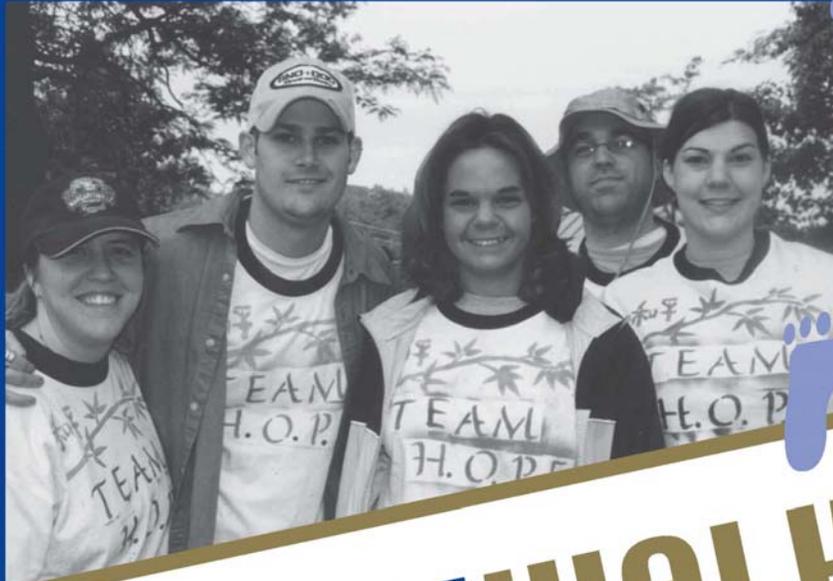
On May 10, 2007 the first graduating class of the Purposeful Living Units Serve (PLUS) program at Branchville Correctional Facility was held. During that graduation Kenneth Porter, who was a member of this class, read the following Mother's Day poem to a crowd of over 200 fellow offenders, Indiana Department of Correction staff, and visitors. And, yes, his mother was there!

**Once again Mother's Day is finally here.
However, I must acknowledge you 365 days of the year.
You are my Mother, my teacher, and my best friend.
You've been my inspiration from my beginning and will remain until my end.
You have given me courage to survive in my times of despair.
You've been my rock to lean upon and you've always been there.
When I needed guidance, you've given me the best of advice.
Sometimes I didn't listen, but you've stayed by my side.
I've often done things in which I know I was wrong,
but your unconditional love has never wavered and has always held strong.
You are the epitome of grace, more precious than a rose.
You've been a father, and a confidant, through me your strength shows.
Through you I've been blessed by my father above.
If four letters were to describe you, the four letters would spell LOVE.**

The PLUS Program provides an opportunity for offenders to explore and choose alternatives to criminal thinking and behavior through an emphasis on spiritual, moral and character development, life skills training, and intentional preparation for living as law-abiding citizens who contribute to the well-being of their community.

For more information about the PLUS program and how you can become involved as a volunteer, please contact Dave Liebel at 317-232-1545 or dliebel@doc.in.gov

The National Alliance on Mental Illness



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